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In re Patent Application of:

Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al.

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METHOD OF DRIVING THE SAME

) Group Art Unit: 2675

) Examiner: K. Chang

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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed March 8, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to March 8, 2005. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicants note with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on March 31, 2000, July 18, 2000, January 31, 2001, April 9, 2001, and May 24, 2002.

Claims 1-50 are pending in the present application. Claims 12-34 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner (page 2, Paper No. 10). Accordingly, claims 1-11 and 35-50 are currently elected, of which claims 1, 6, 35, 41 and 46 are independent. Claims 1-5 are believed to be generic to at least claims 6-11. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Official Action rejects claims 1-11 and 35-50 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the combination of claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 5,414,442 to Yamazaki et al. and JP 01-156725 to Matsueda.

In response to this rejection, a *Terminal Disclaimer* is submitted herewith. Upon filing of this *Terminal Disclaimer*, the claims of the present invention are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections are requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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